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March 5, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554 Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

Re:

WC Docket No. 10-90

Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest – Rate-of-Return Areas Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (SWAT) hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding. SWAT is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving rural areas of Arkansas, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

SWAT proposes to build out broadband to all unserved premises within the regulated service territory.

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of 6 Mbps downstream/ 1 Mbps upstream provided over DSL Technology.

Funding

Because the unserved high-cost census blocks within the selected Census Tract(s) have yet to be identified, SWAT is unable to estimate the construction costs and amount of funding needed. The costs will be identified if and when a formal proposal is submitted.

¹ See Technology Transitions et al., GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

SWAT expects service to be offered to all unserved customers within one year after construction starts.

Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide this nonbinding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

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